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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether only one Minimum Support Price (MSP) is fixed by the Government for different grades of wheat where as different MSPs are fixed for different grades of Paddy;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to fix different MSP for different grades of wheat as done in case of Paddy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): At present the Government fixes the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of wheat and two varieties of paddy, namely, Paddy-Common and Paddy-Grade `A`. There is no proposal under consideration to fix different MSPs for different grades of wheat. The various varieties of paddy produced in the country are quite large as compared to wheat. Therefore, no need to fix different MSPs for different grades of wheat has been felt.